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SUBJECT: GRAPEFRUIT/DIPHENYL

1. I AM GLAD TO REPORT FURTHER TO MY CABLE OF LAST WEEK THAT THROUGH THE COORDINATED EFFORTS OF THE FLORIDA CITRUS INDUSTRY, JAPANESE CITRUS IMPORTERS, WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONCERNED, AND THE EMBASSY, AN UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED ON THE DIPHENYL PROBLEM HERE. I WAS PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE AND KNOW FIRST HAND OF THE FINE PERFORMANCE BY ALL PARTIES INVOLVED.

2. SPECIFICALLY, THE JAPANESE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND THE TOKYO METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT AGREE TO RETESTING REJECTED FRUIT AND RELEASING ALL SHIPMENTS RETESTING WITHIN PERMISSIBLE TOLERANCE LEVELS. ALSO, CONTINUAL RETESTING WILL BE PERMITTED UNTIL ACCEPTABLE TOLERANCE REACHED. THIS PROCEDURE WILL CONTINUE FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH TO ALLOW TIME FOR MARKETING CITRUS NOW IN WAREHOUSES THROUGHOUT JAPAN, CITRUS IN THE TOKYO MARKET, AND QUANTITIES AFLOAT.

3. WHILE DECEMBER SHIPMENTS IN MOST CASES ARE TESTING WITHIN THE PERMISSIBLE TOLERANCE, TEST RESULTS HERE
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UNFORTUNATELY CONFIRM THAT A NUMBER OF NOVEMBER SHIPMENTS EXCEEDED THE PERMISSIBLE TOLERANCE OF 70 PPM AND IN SOME CASES THE EXCESS WAS SIGNIFICANT. I, THEREFORE, SHARE THE CONCERN OF THE FLORIDA INDUSTRY AS TO THE CAUSE OF THE EXCESSIVE DIPHENYL RESIDUAL LEVELS. FOR THIS REASON I WELCOME THE PROPOSED VISIT BY A TECHNICAL TEAM FROM THE INDUSTRY AND U.S. GOVERNMENT

TO JAPAN TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE AND HOPEFULLY PREVENT
A RECRURRENCE IN THE FUTURE. IN THE MEANTIME, I REMAIN
FULLY COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THIS
OUR MOST IMPORTANT MARKET FOR GRAPEFRUIT.
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